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Attached is a Response to Office Action/Amendment for filing in the above referenced patent application.

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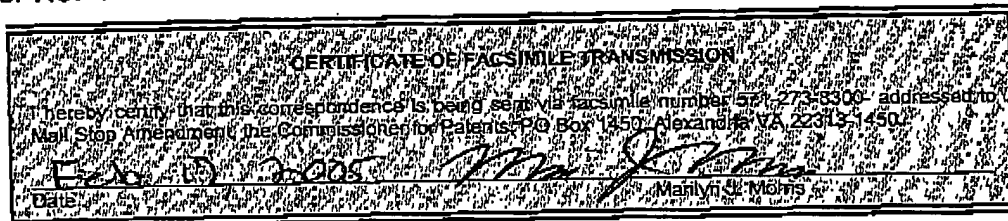
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 30, 2004, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejections and entry of the following amendments to the claims.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.